



## CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

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### **Public Works Director Announces Resignation**

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, April 26, 2013 – Public Works Director Lance Newkirk announced his resignation today. Newkirk has worked at the City of Bainbridge Island for over 15 years, including the last four as public works director.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the community of Bainbridge Island,” Newkirk said. “I have been blessed during my time with the city to work with so many talented, professional and dedicated public employees. I sincerely wish the city all the best going forward as I leave to pursue other interests and opportunities.”

Under Newkirk’s direction, the Public Works Department completed several significant capital projects, including the \$14.9 million Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project and the \$5.2 million Winslow Way Reconstruction Project; secured \$4.6 million from the Public Works Board in low-interest Public Works Trust Fund loans to start the Eagle Harbor Sewer Beach Main Replacement Project; secured \$3.4 million in federal grants for future motorized and non-motorized projects; and re-established the annual roads preservation program, after a three year hiatus brought about by the economic downturn.

“Lance is a seasoned Public Works veteran whose skills and experience will be missed,” said City Manager Doug Schulze. “I appreciate his service to the citizens of Bainbridge Island and wish him much future success.”

Newkirk has agreed to assist in the transition of the leadership of the department as the city begins the search for a new public works director.

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